

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD

ON KCP&L'S REQUEST FOR INCREASE OF \$67.3 MILLION

Kansas City Power and Light Company (KCP&L) filed an application on September 15, 2014, with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission or KCC) requesting an increase in retail rates by \$67.3 million.

Public Hearing

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing concerning the rate increase that KCP&L has proposed. This hearing will provide more information about the proposal and provide an opportunity for customers to present testimony or comments for the Commission's review.

The public hearing will take place in two parts. First, during the question and answer period, representatives of KCP&L, the KCC Staff and CURB will be available to answer customers' questions pertaining to the proposal. In the second part of the hearing, customers will be allowed to make formal statements to the Commission.

The public hearing regarding KCP&L's proposed increase will be held:

Monday, May 18, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

KU Edwards Campus – BEST Conference Center
12604 Quivira Road
Overland Park, Kansas 66213

The Commission will accept written comments from the public until 5:00 p.m., June 16, 2015. Comments regarding this case should reference Docket No.15-KCPE-116-RTS and should be sent to the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027. Comments may also be submitted to the Commission by e-mail at public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov or with a toll-free call to 1-800-662-0027.

A complete copy of KCP&L's application and supporting testimony is available on the Commission's website at: <http://estar.kcc.ks.gov/estar/portal/kcc/page/docket-docs/PSC/DocketDetails.aspx?DocketId=2f528a2a-67f6-4f86-be38-99632f7fbe33>

The KCC has until September 10, 2015 to make a decision on the proposed increase.

Why is KCP&L asking for a rate increase?

KCP&L has offered several reasons for requesting a rate increase, including:

- **Mandated environmental upgrades** – Federal and state regulations require KCP&L to make environmental upgrades to its La Cygne power plant. These upgrades will allow the power plant to continue operating and improve air quality in the region. A significant portion of the costs associated with these upgrades is already reflected in rates because the utility was granted the

ability to recover certain costs while the project was underway. Previous incremental rate increases have reduced the need to file a larger rate increase request now.

- **Improvements to Wolf Creek power plant** – KCP&L is making improvements to its Wolf Creek nuclear power plant. Much of these upgrade costs are in response to Nuclear Regulatory Commission mandates. The improvements will help maintain safety and ensure the plant will continue to provide lower cost, reliable, emissions-free power for customers.

- **Infrastructure upgrades** – KCP&L has made several major infrastructure upgrades to modernize its grid and maintain the overall reliability of its system. Some of the improvements include replacing electric meters, upgrading substations and expanding its tree-trimming program.

KCP&L also proposes certain rate design changes and a transmission delivery charge. Additional information on KCP&L's rate request is available at: <https://www.kcpl.com/my-bill/for-home/rate-information/ks/kansas-rate-change>

Additional Information is available from the KCC and CURB

For more information about the proposed increase, the public hearing or the technical hearing, contact the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027. Any persons requiring special accommodations at the hearing site under the Americans with Disabilities Act must give notice to the Commission at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing date by calling (785) 271-3140.

The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) can also be contacted 785-271-3200 for further information.